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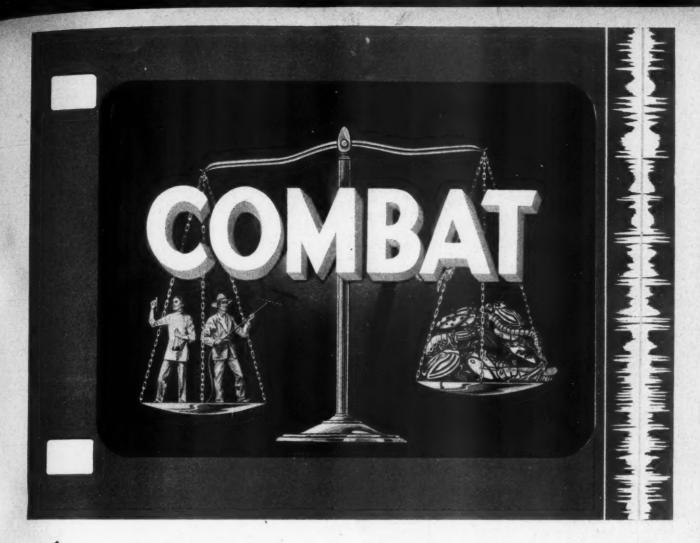
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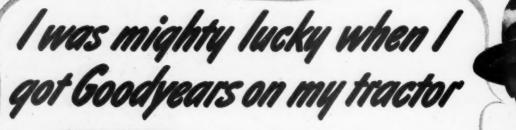
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Looking Ahead With Fruit

WORLD conditions and domestic trends have moved so rapidly that few people realize the vastly changed outlook for agriculture and fruit growing that has developed in the year just passed. In its effort to "Make America stronger by making Americans stronger" through improved nutrition, the Government has indicated its goal of doubling the consumption of many kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables in order to achieve the proper amount of consumption of these protective foods. This educational campaign, through the auspices of the United States Government, is a tremendous force toward increasing demand which very few producers fully have appreciated.

A large percentage of the European orchards have been neglected and many of them have been destroyed in recent years. America will be the source of great quantities of food, particularly, of those protective foods such as fruits, when the time comes to rebuild shattered Europe.

Figures from the 1940 census which now are being received have shown a startling decrease in the number of bearing fruit trees as compared to the 1930 census. The total number of apple trees has been reduced by almost half in 10 years and the situation in the young non-bearing orchards is even more critical. Indications show that there will be less than 40 per cent as many non-bearing trees as in 1930.

Even though betfer production per tree has been achieved, the situation causes grave concern when one realizes the extra demands made for fruit which, undoubtedly, will result from the nutrition campaign, requirements from abroad and other factors.

The apple industry has made rapid strides in the way of co-operation and a united front in solving its problems through the National, regional and state apple institutes, all of which are co-operating splendidly with the Government and private agencies. By helping to solve these problems, and by improving the efficiency of production and distribution, and by increasing the demand for apples, the situation for the grower is definitely more favorable for the future.

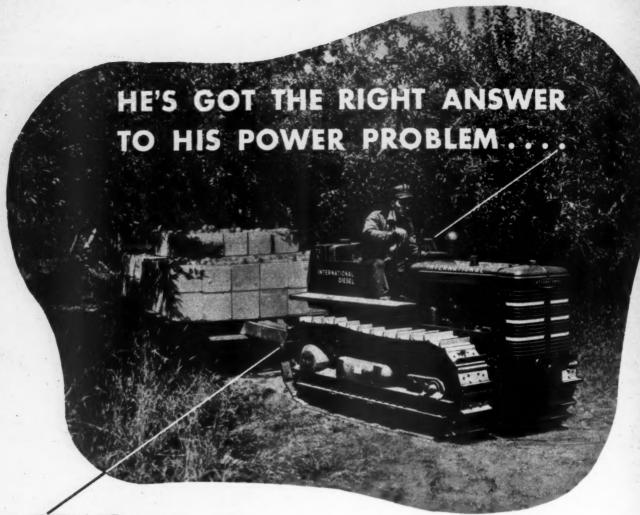
NATIVE NUT TREES

The number of crop plants that had their origin in the Americas is impressive and some of them are of major importance. Corn, beans, sweet and Irish potatoes, peanuts, tobacco, and cotton are conspicuous examples.

Frequently we are chided because American horticulture pays so little attention to native nut plants as a source of revenue. The nut trees do receive attention at a few experiment stations but only at a precious few.

Recently, we had an opportunity to see an excellent collection of black walnuts, butternuts, hazelnuts, one thin-shelled pecan of fair size and good quality, and a few chestnuts at the Indiana State Fair. They had been collected by the students' horticultural society. The size, quality and cracking characteristics of the black walnuts were little short of marvelous and this collection points a finger of shame at the American farmer and fruit grower for overlooking these possibilities.

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THE JOB OF THE FRUIT GROWER IN NATIONAL DEFENSE

By HON. LLOYD C. STARK

WITH America entering a new era of Nutrition—an era where balanced diets with an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables are being stressed in the Nation's plans for Defense—it will be the job of the fruit growers of America to supply fresh fruit in greater quantities—enough to give the American people, both young and old, "two apples where only one was eaten before"—with other fruits in proportion.

As recently pointed out by Secretary of Agriculture, Claude R. Wickard, 100 per cent more apples and other fruits and vegetables will be needed to meet the requirements of the new Nutrition program. Every fruit grower, large and small, is urged to improve his efficiency in growing more and better fruit to supply the demand which rapidly is being built up by the United States Government's campaign to build a stronger America through proper diets.

Recent studies have brought out the fact that the American people, as a whole, have strayed from the protective foods which made up the well-balanced diets of our rugged pioneers. Much of the health-giving elements have been refined out of the flour, etc. The family orchard and, to a somewhat less extent, the family vegetable garden almost have disappeared in some sections. This greatly decreased

This article by ex-Governor Lloyd C. Stark of Missouri is very timely and comes from a man who has had an opportunity to view the fruit situation from an unusually large number of angles. He has had wide experience, having served in the Navy, in the Army during the First World War, as Chief Executive of the State of Missouri, and as a producer of fruit and other agricultural products for many years.

number of home orchards and vegetable gardens has resulted in families lacking a well-balanced diet which is essential to glowing health and strength. Possibly their food was enough to satisfy their hunger—but it was not the right kind of food.

When there is a plentiful supply of home grown fruits and vegetables, the family naturally eats a much larger amount in the daily diet. What is even more important, members of the family form the habit of eating fruits and vegetables which are the rich source of vitamins, minerals and other elements of value to robust health. If the

Above—"One of the most far-reaching movements during the present century is the Government's plan to see that an apple is included in the lunch of all school children."

AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER American people are to go back to these fundamentals of a wider use of these valuable natural foods, a strong desire and a definite habit of regularly eating them must be created.

Government investigations have shown that, unless the farmers grow at least a portion of the fruit required for their families, they will not have an adequate amount of fresh fruit necessary for good health. Furthermore, the children who are growing up without plenty of fresh fruit get out of the habit of eating fruit. This is one of the basic problems that has affected the commercial growers of apples and other fruits, and it very definitely is desirable to re-establish the fruit-eating habit with the younger generation.

One of the most far-reaching movements during the present Century is the Government's plan to see that an apple is included in the lunch of every child in American schools. The children will learn to eat apples regularly and one of the habits which kept our fore-fathers healthy and vigorous will be practiced again throughout the This distribution of fruit land. through the schools, under the auspices of the Government, has proven so popular wherever it has been carried out that the program is being enlarged as rapidly as possible. It is

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STATE BY STATE

ARKANSAS—There is no compulsory grading law in Arkansas. However, at the last two sessions of General Assembly of Arkansas, growers introduced a standardization bill but it did not pass.

CONNECTICUT—Among other requirements, all closed packages must be marked plainly with the grade of apples and minimum size. Connecticut grades are: Connecticut Extra Fancy, Connecticut Fancy, Connecticut No. I. Connecticut Commercial, Connecticut Utility, and Connecticut Cooker Grade. It is permissable also to use U. S. Grades.

ILLINOIS—Every closed container of apples must bear, among other requirements, the grade and minimum size of the apples. Illinois grades are: Illinus. S. Fancy, Illinus. S. No., I. Combination Grade, Illinus. S. Utility, Unclassified, and Ill. No. I Pie Apples. To be graded pie apples, the fruit must be free from any defect which cannot be removed during the usual commercial preparation for use without causing a loss of over five percent by weight of the apple in excess of that which would occur if the apple were perfect.

IDAHO—Idaho has standards for grading which are used almost exclusively. Idaho grades are: Extra Fancy or First Grade, Fancy or Second Grade, "C" Grade or Third Grade, Orchard Run Grade, Hail Grade, Unclassified, and Combination Grades. The use of U. S. Standards for apples is permissible and is optional with the grower or shipper. Certificates will be written using U. S. grades for apples only upon request.

INDIANA—All apples offered for sale in Indiana must be labeled with a sign bearing the grade, minimum size and variety. U. S. grades may be used. Indiana grades are the same as U. S. grades except that the Cull Grade is used instead of Unclassified and a Domestic Grade for drop apples has been established. Apples which do not conform to these grades must be labeled "CULLS" in letters 21/2 inches high. The terms "Unclassified," "Ungraded," and "Grower's Grade," are not allowed under Indiana law.

IOWA—There are no lowa laws for grading and no lowa grades for apples. Iowa recommends that U. S. grades be used.

KANSAS—U. S. grades are used by Kansas growers. There is an Apple Standards Law but no provision has been made for its enforcement and it is considered as unoperative. According to the Apple Standards Law when apples are being prepared for marketing, they must be graded and all boxes, baskets or barrels in which apples are packed must be marked with among other requirements the grade and the minimum size. Kansas has established a Domestic Grade for windfall and drop apples of one variety free from decay, clean and entirely suitable for immediate consumption. Kansas Unclassified Grade differs slightly from U. S. Unclassified in that it consists of apples which are not graded in conformity with any of the U. S. Grades but which are reasonably clean and free from serious diseases and decay.

Learn to Grade and M.

STUDY U. S. STANDARDS AND YO

U. S. GRADES of apples were born as war babies in 1918, grew up during the depression, and, having reached maturity in 1937 when the most recent standards were issued by the Department of Agriculture, provide an effective ruler by which growers can measure the quality of their crop. Buried away in United States Department of Agriculture Service and Regulatory Announcement No. 154, they represent one of the most important clues to the problem of how to effectively market apples. For improved marketing, growers must grade their fruit and educate the consumer to the better apple grades. Federal grades for apples are not mandatory and the Department of Agriculture has not made their use compulsory. However, more and more states, whose grades are based to a great measure on U. S. standards, are making grading necessary by law so that it will be possible to prohibit the sale of inferior grades of fruit which drag down the market and lower prices.

There are 11 U. S. Grades for apples: U. S. Fancy; U. S. No. 1; U.S. Commercial; U.S. No. 1 Early; U. S. Utility; U. S. Utility Early; three Combination grades; U. S. Hail grade; and Unclassified.

To be labeled U. S. Fancy, apples may be of any size, but must be of only one variety. They must be mature, but not over-ripe, carefully hand-picked, clean, and fairly well formed. Requirements for U. S. Fancy also include freedom from decay, internal browning, internal breakdown, scald, freezing injury, broken skins and bruises (except those which occur during proper handling and packing), and visible water core. The apples also must be free from damage. Damage is defined as any injury or defect which materially detracts from the appearance or keeping quality of the apples and includes russeting, sunburn, spray burn, limb rubs, hail, drought spot, scars, disease, and in-AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER

This year probably has seen more state legislation affecting the grading of apples than ever before in the history of fruit growing. Confronted with new regulations, growers must learn how to grade and mark their apples properly. This means a thorough study of existing state and U. S. grading regulations.

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sects. It also includes injury caused by mechanical or other means. Tolerances have been set for most of these damages. For instance, more than two healed insect stings or any healed insect sting which is over one-eighth inch in diameter, exclusive of any encircling discolored rings, is considered insect damage. Scab spots are considered damage when they are not corked over or when they are corked over and affect a total area of more than one-quarter inch in diameter.

The requirements for U. S. No. 1 are the same as for U. S. Fancy except that less color is required for solid red and striped varieties. For yellow and green varieties, like Golden Delicious or Rhode Island Greening, requirements for both grades are the same. With striped or partially red varieties such as Jonathan, McIntosh and Delicious, 33 per cent color is required for U. S. Fancy and 15 per cent color required for U. S. No. 1. For solid red color varieties, like Winesap, Arkansas Black and Gano, 50 per cent red color is required for Fancy and 25 per cent for No. 1.

U. S. Commercial grade is similar to U. S. No. 1 except for color. This grade is provided for apples which are mature but which do not have sufficient color to meet the specifications of U. S. No. 1.

U. S. No. 1 Early consists of apples which meet the requirements of U. S. No. 1 except as to color and maturity. Apples of this grade may have no red color and may not be mature. It is provided for early apoctober.

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DIFFERENCES IN U.S. GRADES OF APPLES

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U. S. No. 1 EARLY Same as U. S. Commercial except for maturity. *Group II

U. S. UTILITY

U.S. UTILITY EARLY

Same grade requirements except for maturity.

Group III

UNCLASSIFIED

These apples are ungraded.

*Group I and II differ mainly in shape of apples, cleanness, and extent of injuries and damages.

ples such as Oldenburg, Gravenstein, Wealthy, Williams, and other varieties which ripen at the same period and which often are used for cooking rather than for eating out of hand.

U. S. Utility grade markedly dif-fers from U. S. Fancy. The main differences between U. S. Fancy and U. S. Utility is in the shape of the apples, cleanness of the apples, and allowances for broken skins and bruises and visible water core. The Utility grade consists of apples of one variety which are mature but not over-ripe, carefully hand-picked, not seriously deformed, free from decay, internal browning, internal breakdown, scald, and freezing injury.

Utility grade apples also must be free from serious damage which is defined as any injury or defect which seriously detracts from the appearance or keeping quality of apples. It includes damage caused by dirt or other foreign matter, broken skins, bruises, russeting, sunburn, spray burn, limb rubs, hail, drought spot, scars, visible water core, disease, insects, or injury caused by mechanical or other means. Tolerances also have been set for most of these damages. For instance, more than five healed insect stings are considered serious damage. Also, scab spots which are not corked over or corkedover scab spots which affect a total OCTOBER, 1941

area of more than three-quarters inch in diameter are serious damage. These tolerances are generally larger than the tolerances allowed for damages under U. S. Fancy.

U. S. Utility Early consists of apoles which meet the requirements of U. S. Utility except as to maturity. Apples of this grade need not be

Combination of these grades may be used as follows: Combination U. S. Fancy and U. S. No. 1; Combination U. S. No. 1 and U. S. Commercial; Combination U. S. No. 1 and U. S. Utility. When combinations are packed at least 50 per cent of the apples in any container must meet the requirements of the higher grade in combination.

U. S. Hail grade consists of apples which meet the requirements of U. S. No. 1 except that hail marks where the skin has not been broken and well-healed hail marks where the skin has been broken shall be permitted, provided the apples are fairly well formed.

Unclassified consists of apples which are not graded in conformity with any of these grades. In many cases these are cull apples.

Any deterioration such as decay or scald which develops on apples after they have been in storage or

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STATE BY STATE

KENTUCKY-Apples grown in Kentucky and contained in a closed package must be graded and the grade and the minimum size plus name of variety etc. marked on the outside of the package. Kentucky has its own grades: Kentucky Standard Fancy, Kentucky standard "A" Grade, Kentucky standard "B" Grade, and Unclassified.

MAINE—Among other requirements, Maine growers must mark closed packages with-the grade and minimum size. Either Maine or U. S. grades may be used. Maine grades are: Maine Standard "A", Maine Commercial, Maine Standard "B", and Orchard Run or Unclassified.

MARYLAND—Growers must mark Maryland-grown apples in a closed container among other requirements with the grade and minimum size. U. S. grades may be used instead of Maryland grades. Maryland grades are: Maryland Standard Fancy, Maryland Standard "A" Grade, Maryland Standard "B" Grade. Cull Grade, and Orchard Run. Orchard Runk Grade consists of all' apples grown in the orchard irrespective of grade or quality. It is unlawful for any person to sort from a lot of apples any of the larger sizes or better grades and then sell the remaining fruit as Orchard Run.

MASSACHUSETTS—The grade does not have to be marked on either closed or unclosed containers of Massachusetts apples. Höwever, minimum size and other requirements must be marked on each closed container. Massachusetts has its own grades for apples. They are: Massachuset's Extra Fancy, Massachuset's Combination "A", Massachusetts "B" and Massachusetts Unclassified. Massachusetts also has another set of grades which are identical with U.S.

and mark on containers among other requirements the grade and minimum size. U. S. grades are used. Drop apples must be marked "Michigan Drops." Growers also must pay an advertising fee of one penny per bushel in order to promote the sale of Michigan apples.

MINNESOTA—Among other requirements all apples offered for sale must be marked with the grade and minimum size. Apples which do not meet requirements of any established Minnesota grade must bear the word "CULLS" in letters at least two inches high. U. S. grades may be used. Designations such as "Unclassified." "Ungraded." "Grower's Grade," and "Orchard Run," are not permitted under Minnesota law. Minnesota grades are: Minnesota Extra Fancy, Minnesota No. 1, Minnesota No. 2, Minnesota Hail Grade, Minnesota Drop or Windfall Grade, and Minnesota Cull Grade.

MISSOURI—Grading is compulsory by law.
Among other requirements, all apples offered
for sale must be labeled with a sign bearing
minimum size and the grade. All apples
which fail to meet the requirements of any of
the established grades must be conspicuously
labeled with a sign bearing the designation
"CULLS" in well-proportioned letters at least
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Stage of bud development on a York Imperial apple spur when it was sprayed with a blossom-removal spray in order to reduce fruit setting during the "on" year.

MODIFYING THE BIENNIAL BEARING HABIT IN APPLES BY SPRAYING TO PREVENT FRUIT SET

By Dr. J. R. MAGNESS and DR. L. P. BATJER United States Horticultural Station, Beltsville, Maryland

LXTENSIVE investigational work has shown that the biennial bearing habit in apples results from an excess of fruit setting on the trees during the "on" year. When the quantity of fruit on the tree in relation to the amount of foliage which the tree carries is excessive, flower-bud formation for the following year does not occur. Thus, in the season following the "on" year there is an absence of bloom and crop on the trees. Under these conditions excessive fruit-bud formation occurs with most of the growing points becoming flower buds. Once the biennial bearing habit is established, we have alternate years of extremely heavy bloom and heavy crop followed by an absence of bloom and absence of crop. Fruit thinning experiments have shown that, if the fruit set is reduced in sufficient amount and sufficiently early in the "on" year, fruit-bud formation will occur and repeated crops can be secured. Because of the very short time during which this thinning can be done, however, and the large number of fruits which must be removed from biennial trees, correction of the biennial bearing habit by hand thinning is a questionable economic practice under many growing conditions.

Experiments conducted in 1939 and earlier indicated the possibility of killing part of the bloom of apple trees by the use of caustic sprays such as tar oil distillate and di-nitroortho-cyclo-hexyl-phenol. All of the trees sprayed in 1939, in which the set of fruit was reduced to not more than one fruit per 10 blossom clusters in heavily blooming trees, formed a good crop of fruit buds and set good crops of fruit in 1940. Consequently, experiments were continued in 1940 to study the effect of different concentrations of these materials on set of fruit. Since the earlier work had indicated that the delayed cluster bud or early pink stage was most satisfactory for preventing fruit set, all the trees used in 1940 were sprayed while in this

A block of 13 year old York Imperial trees from 25 to 30 feet high and almost completely biennial were available for use at the University Experiment Farm, Kearneysville, West Virginia. These trees were sprayed at the early pink stage, using the spray materials, TOD (Tar oil distillate), or DNO (a prepared mixture of dinitro-ortho-cyclo-hexyl-phenol in oil.) Check trees and treatments were used randomly throughout the

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block. Pollination conditions were good for all trees. As thorough coverage as possible of all the materials used was applied; one man spraying the trees from the top of a tank mounted on a truck, another spraying from the ground. On such tall trees it is necessary to direct the spray upward to reach the tops and in general, hitting blossoms and subsequent killing are less complete in the tops of such tall trees than on the lower branches.

The yield of these trees for 1938 and 1939 indicated the degree of the biennial habit since no treatments were applied during either of these two years. Data was secured by counting 2000 or more blossom clusters on four large limbs in each tree, these limbs being distributed from the middle of the tree upward. Fruit set on these limbs was counted when the June drop was largely over. Additional data was obtained by collecting 100 spurs from all parts of each tree. practically all of the spurs being those that had blossomed in 1940 but had not set fruit. These were cut longitudinally and examined under a binocular microscope for flower parts. At the time these samples were examined. December 2-4, 1940, flower parts in the buds could be distinguished clearly. While such a small sample was not expected to be an accurate indication of total bloom in 1941, it was believed that the relative amount of bloom indicated for the various trees would be fairly close to what would develop.

Almost all growing points on these trees had blossomed in the spring of 1940. Check trees varied from 29 to 44 per cent and, as would be expected, apparently formed almost no fruit buds for 1941. Following those spray treatments which reduce the set to not over 10 fruits per 100 blossom spurs, there was apparently ample fruit-bud formation for a full crop in 1941.

In the experiments tar oil dis-tillate at .8 per cent concentration appeared to be somewhat more effective in reducing fruit set than the same material at 1.6 per cent. We have no explanation of the failure of the 1.6 per cent tar oil distillate to more effectively reduce the set on the trees in the experiment sprayed only once with this material. Other trees sprayed from the same tank mixture had their fruit set effectively re-

A treatment with tar oil distillate 1.6 per cent as a repeat spray represented two applications of this material made five days apart, the first being at the early pink and the second at the late pink stages. This treatment was applied to determine

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CITRUS SURVEY

Substantial increase in citrus production and marketing programs which have resulted in record-breaking sales leads AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER to devote this year's fruit survey to citrus varieties. We are indebted to A. F. Camp, Horticulturist-in-Charge at the Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Florida, for the summary of leading commercial citrus varieties in his State; to Howard A. Miller, Manager, Agricultural Department, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and to the Citrus Experiment Station, Riverside, California, for reports upon California citrus varieties; to R. B. McLeaish, Manager of the Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange and to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Texas, for reports on citrus varieties for the lower Rio Grande Valley; and to W. S. Martin, Associate Horticulturist, Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Arizona, for the summary of citrus plantings in that State.

—Editors

ORANGE varieties are divided roughly into three classifications; the early, midseason and late varieties. Because of climatic conditions, California is able to produce oranges commercially throughout the year by planting only two varieties whereas for the same reason it is necessary to plant three different varieties in Florida in order to supply the year-around demand.

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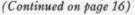
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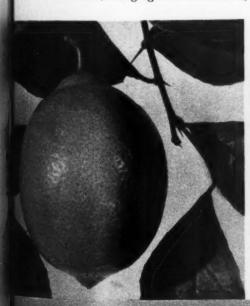
The Washington Navel orange and the Valencia orange are the two varieties upon which the citrus industry of California is based. The first of these two originated as a bud variation of a tree of the Selecta orange variety in Brazil and is a fruit of excellent quality with rich flavor. It has the especial advantage of being seedless. Ripening and picking period usually is between November 1 and January 1. The quality of the Washington Navel orange is affected markedly by differences in climate and, though grown in Arizona, it is not grown in Florida.

In recent years there has been a considerable attempt to find a satisfactory Navel orange for growing in Florida and a number of new varieties are being planted in a small way at the present time. The majority of these fall in the early orange class with a few coming in midseason.

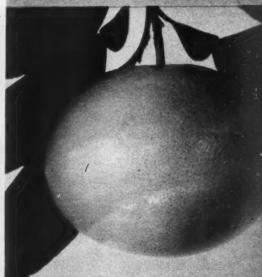
Exceeding even the Washington Navel orange in production in California is the Valencia orange. This orange is harvested after the Navel Washington orange, from about March 1 to November 1. The alternate bearing of these two varieties is the reason for California's year-around crop. The Valencia orange is attractive, of high quality and has relatively few seeds. As with the Washington Navel orange, there is a noticeable effect of different climatic zones upon the fruit and tree of the Valencia variety. In Florida this is the principal late











Valencia orange is grown in searly all citrus ons. It is a summer variety in California and reli-established lets versity in Florida

Photos courtesy California Agr. Exp. Sta.



Left—Society members earn money by pruning trees and shrubs. Pictured here is John Louzecky who earned over \$150 last spring. Five per cent of this went to the Society.

ing Farmers' Week in January on the University campus. The purpose of this Show is to have apple and potato growers of the State bring in their prize products and enter them in a competitive exhibition for commercial and cash prizes. Each year several hundred dollars worth of prizes, donated by commercial concerns, is distributed to the best exhibitors. The Society also erects a feature exhibit for the Show which usually consists of a very attractive display of apples. This year the Society adopted the idea of auctioning off the display of prize fruit and potatoes to the highest bidder for a window display at the conclusion of Show week. Previously the Show had been all expense, with no income. This year it is expected that the Show will pay for itself as a

STUDENT FRUIT GROWERS SEE BRIGHT FUTURE

By ELDON S. BANTA

Ohio Student Horticultural Society Ohio State University

S a younger member of a family interested in fruit growing, I rarely have seen articles in magazines which would suggest that there is a coming generation in the fruit growing field. During my high school and college days which I just have completed, I often wanted to hear what other young fellows with the "horticultural yearn" were thinking and doing. To initiate more information along this line and to let older horticulturists know that there is a younger generation, I have written a summary of the activities of an aggressive student group, "The Ohio Student Horticultural Society," which is probably typical of many such organizations at state universities.

The horticulture students in the Agricultural College, Ohio State University, have been organized for over 40 years. When John F. Cunningham, present Dean of the College of Agriculture, was a student in this University, the horticulture students were organized in the "Asparagus Club" and in the early 1900's the present Society was formed. Today this organization of horticulture students stands solidly among its kind over the country.

The present membership of the Society numbers some 75 undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring in horticulture. These young men and women come from all walks of life and they present an excellent cross-section of horticultural and related experiences. Working to-



Above—This is part of the coming generation in horticulture. These students comprise the Ohio Student Horticultural Society for 1941. Young horticulturists from similar societies throughout the country will help these students carry on the horticultural industry of tomorrow.

Cash prizes, totaling \$500, subscriptions and miscellaneous articles will be awarded at the 1941 Horticultural Show, sponsored by the Ohio Student Horticultural Society, January 26-31, during Farmers' Week at Ohio State University, Columbus. These prizes will go for prize winning bushel baskets, trays and plates of common varieties of apples.

gether as a group, they have formulated and conducted many worthwhile projects and activities.

Co-operation between the faculty and Society has been most favorable. Perhaps many of the valuable activities of the organization have been given new momentum by the interest and concern shown by the faculty.

Activities, varied and interesting, are the real source of interest in the Society. The most prominent is the annual Horticultural Show, held duramerican fruit grower

result of the auction.

A lunch stand, operated during Farmers' Week, provides the Society with most of its yearly income. Last year some \$500 were received from the stand. It requires about 12 or 15 men, all working on schedule between classes, to operate the stand at the noon hour.

For the past few years the Society has been putting from \$25 to \$30 yearly into improving the Horticulture Reading Room. A new lighting system, repair of tables and chairs, painting and cleaning, purchasing of new books, and subscriptions to newspapers and magazines have been some of the improvements made.

Of special interest to the members are the bi-weekly meetings of the Society during the school year. The program usually consists of a speaker, motion pictures, or group discussions of horticultural interest. Occasionally,

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MARKETING



"SAFETY FIRST" BUILDS ROADSIDE SALES

Too little thought is given to the perils and mishaps that surround the roadside market operator and his customer. Unsuspectingly, both pursue their operation of buying and selling, giving no thought to the dangers that are in store for them if the proper caution is not taken, and if the proper facilities are not provided for the operation of their business.

A driver stops at a roadside market, concentrating on the purchases which he desires to make, and too often he does not consider his own personal safety. Likewise, the road-side market operator in his anxious attempt to please his customer forgets to pay heed as he hurries about at the roadside. Both have a sublime confidence in the safety of their beings that is neither warranted nor safe.

Prime reason for danger at the roadside market is a lack of parking space for the automobiles of customers. This immediately creates a series of dangers on the roadside: there is double-parking; there is the necessity of walking back and forth across the road if a car is parked opposite the stand; there is a congestion of traffic; there is encroachment on the right-of-way of public property if the car is parked on the public highway in front of the stand. The National Safety Council points out that "It is illegal in most states for a vehicle to be stopped on the right-of-way for service at a commercial establishment."

Sufficient parking space with definite driveways for entrance and exit on one side, or both, or in the back of the roadside market stand will eliminate these dangers and avoid traffic confusion besides making it easier for customers to stop and trade.

Location of a roadside market stand is of vast importance and, if properly selected, it is good insurance against traffic casual-ties. A grower naturally selects a location which he thinks offers maximum possibilities for good business but, at the same time,

he should give equal consideration to the problem of traffic safety.

Logically, stands should not be built on sharp curves or on the brow of steep hills. In these two instances the motorist does not discover the stand until he is within a short distance of the stand until he is within a short distance and then it may be too late to stop. If he is undecided as to whether or not he wants to stop and, consequently, shifts gears and drives at irregular rates of speed, he causes disconcerting confusion on the highway. The driver who casually stops on the inside of a curve creates great danger for himself and for the oncoming motorist who cannot see him until

he is too close to stop.

Generally, drivers observe the precaution of ascending a hill at moderate rates of speed; nevertheless, there is the exception and he is the one who may be going at terrific speed and who suddenly finds himself rushing onto a car that is parked in front of a roadside market stand on the other side of the hill.

But it is not only the operator who must OCTOBER, 1941



take measures of safety to insure successful and happy roadside marketing. The consumer must do his part. He must handle his car so that it is not a menace or an aggrevation to other drivers. He must be careful in crossing the roads. If he has children with him, he must see that they are not running around other cars, stepping off the curbs, or playing on the running boards of

No customer will continue to trade at a roadside market where he has seen an acci-dent. No fruit grower is going to enjoy working on a scene where misery and damage has been sustained as a result of an accident. No roadside market is going to flourish if accidents and casualties have marred its reputation.

Henry Wallace of Tennessee believes in roadside markets. The market, built by his father, the late Lee Wallace, on the Clinton Highway near Knoxville en route to Norris Dam, was destroyed by fire last May but already Mr. Wallace has rebuilt. In addition, with the prospect of having to market heavy peach and apple crops this year, he built another market on the Gatlinburg road, leading into the Great Smoky Mountains. Both markets are near enough to Knoxville to have regular city patronage and each is on a route of heavy tourist travel.—A. N. PRATT

Less than half as many Canadian apples as last year may seek an outlet in the United States this season, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. This is because of a short crop and increased buy-ing of fresh apples by Great Britain. The British Ministry of Food recently decided to purchase about 2,100,000 bushels of Canadian fresh apples. There are some indications that, as the season advances, United States apples may be attracted to Canadian markets.

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Top—This picture shows what happens on a busy Saturday afternoon where no space is provided for car parking. Customers run the risk of being hit by another car as they carry purchases of fruit to their automobiles.

Above-Down the road, this situation was observed. An auto traveling towards the car in the center of the road would have no chance to pass without hitting another car. This condition alone causes many accidents.

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STATE NEWS

VIRGINIA—W. S. Campfield, Secretary-Treasurer of the Virginia State Horticultural Society, notified fruit growers of the State that he is trying to get a 25 per cent



W. S. Campfield

reduction in railroad freight rates for grow-ers. Already 65 per cent of eastern apples and peaches are moving by truck. This means that, if the railroads do not co-operate with a reduction in their rates, the entire local apple and peach transportation soon will be in the power of one transportation system which

would prove very critical if strikes, government restrictions, gasoline shortages, or other demands were to tie up the trucking business. Such sudden tie-ups would find the railroads without the necessary equipment available for shipment of fruits and growers would find themselves with over-ripe fruit and no means of moving it. For the safety and good of all the apple and peach industry, Mr. Campfield says, "We should ship more fruit by rail."

CONNECTICUT-Time for the Elberta peach and McIntosh apple harvests arrived simultaneously early last month and, because of weather conditions, it was necessary to harvest both fruits at the same time. Peaches were excellent but prices were only fair.

Many growers used hormone spray on Mc-Intosh apple trees in an attempt to delay picking and there was very little McIntosh drop. The general quality of apples was excellent, there was little insect and disease blemish in the crop, and color and fruit sizes were very good.

Growers had a real problem in their attempt to use inexperienced help to harvest the McIntosh apple crop without bruising. In spite of the efforts of the Fruit Harvest Labor Committee and various state organizations, fruit growers still were in need of apple pickers. One grower found that high school girls, working from three to six o'clock in the afternoon, helped to relieve his harvest labor problem. Other growers transported high school boys for afternoon work in the orchards. Tramp harvest was more common than usual. Generally, fruit growers were most satisfied



G. Leslie Smith

picking apples. Many of these men were experienced apple pickers and they were glad to be out in the sunshine and to get some exercise.-H. A. ROL-LINS, Extension Fruit Specialist, Storrs.

workers who spent part days and weekends

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impulse sales utility package which will bear the trade mark, "Kitcheneat," and which has been originated by G. Leslie Smith, well-known apple grower of Rock Island and past President of the Illinois State Horticultural Society. A number of growers used his new package last winter and found it to be very successful.

GEORGIA—This State's peach growers in a recent session approved action leading to an early referendum on a federal marketing agreement and appointed W. C. Bewley Gen-PAGE 14

eral Chairman of a committee which will draw up a proposed agreement for the peach industry. Mr. Bewley is Manager of the Georgia Peach Growers Exchange. As soon as other members of his committee are appointed, a proposal which will be submitted pointed, a proposal which will be submitted to all growers will be drawn up. Only three in this recent meeting of more than 100 peach growers opposed the agreement to control grades and sizes and two members were undecided.

ARKANSAS-This has been a "fruit" year in this State. Strawberries, peaches, grapes, and apples have yielded heavily. All fruits have moved fairly well and the Surplus Marketing Administration has helped considerably with peaches.

However, it has been a poor year as far as the apple codling moth is concerned, especially for apple growers in the southern edge of the apple belt. It is increasingly apparent that nicotine and arsenate of lead are not deadly enough to combat successfully with this pest and growers are anxious to find a really effective codling moth spray.-THOMAS ROTHROCK, Sec'y, Springdale.

MARYLAND—J. Andrew Cohill, Hancock, with representatives of 16 other states, represented Maryland at the national apple plan

ning committee meeting in Washington last month. Meeting was held in connection with a proposed pol-icy for eliminating cull fruit from the market, a plan which is similar the one which is being presented in a poll to all Maryland growers. In this poll letters are being sent to all commercial growers in the State



J. Andrew Cohill

with return cards on which they are asked to record their vote as to the proposed marketing policy wherein the chief aim is to eliminate culls as far as possible and to insure reasonable sales of better quality fresh fruit. Dr. T. B. Symons, extension service official who is in charge of the program, has appointed a committee to handle the poll and to study the grading situation of Maryland apples, revising grading laws and formulating more orderly marketing methods.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Officers elected at the last meeting of the South Dakota State Horti-Cultural Society, held at Yankton, are: George W. Gurney, Yankton, President; H. E. Beebe, Ipswich, Vice-President; H. N. Dybvig, Colton, Treasurer; W. A. Simmons, Sioux Falls, Secretary.

A satisfactory tour of nurseries in the Missouri Valley was held in connection with the meeting. The alluvially deposited soil is so rich in the Valley that almost no fertilization is necessary to secure optimum growth. Boysenberries which wintered without protection bore a full crop of delicious, though soft, berries and the Robertson black raspberry proved to be perfectly hardy and very productive in this area.—W. A. SIMMONS, Sec'y, Sioux Falls.

-Growers of this State need not fear a shortage of those chemicals which they need for seed and soil treatments, particular-ly in the citrus areas and in the Everglades winter vegetable section, as Washington has assured Hon, Nathan Mayo, State Commissioner of Agriculture, that growers will be able to obtain these necessities.

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WINDSTORM SWEEPS APPLES FROM TREES

A WINDSTORM approaching hurri-cane proportions swept across the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michistates of Illinois, Indiana, Onio, Marsday, gan, and Western New York, Thursday, September 25, and blew a large pro-the apple crop from the trees. Coming at the height of the Harvest season, the storm made windfalls out of enywhere from 15 to 75 per cent of the unharvested apples, depending on whether or not the orchard was in the direct path of the gale. One grower in Ohio estimated the wind cost him \$30 every minute it lasted, while another said he now has 10,000 bushels of drops to sell instead of 10,000 bushels of U. S. Fancy.

The Surplus Marketing Administration has made special provisions to buy the drop apples in order to help grow ers. Prices will range from 65 cents to 85 cents a bushel.

Furthermore, after some reports of diffe culty in securing supplies had been received in Washington, John W. Frey, Director of Marketing for the Department of Agriculture, telegraphed Governor Holland that fermers and fruit growers are entitled to, and shall receive, their necessary requirements of gase. line.

PENNSYLVANIA—The Pennsylvania State
College now offers an intensive four weeks
course of training to those who are interested
in commercial fruit growing but who cannot spend two or four years in college.

The course provides practical instruction in

the production of tree and small fruits. Approved methods of pruning and care of trees and other fruit plants, packing and storing fruits, and identification of varieties, insects and diseases are the principal phases of fruit growing which will be studied.

This stream-lining course starts November 19 and closes December 17. It is under the direction of the Director of Short Course, School of Agriculture, State College.—F. N. FAGAN, Professor of Pomology, State Col.

IOWA-At the 30th Annual Meeting of the Iowa Fruit Growers Association, November 13-14, a memorial tablet will be dedicated to the memory of Suel Foster, pioneer lows horticulturist. Mr. Foster created the idea of establishing an agricultural college which later became lows State College at Ames.—R. S. HERRICK, Sec'y, Des Moines.

WASHINGTON-Because a survey has divulged that driers and canners are taking care of all the culls at prices which were suggested by the fruit sub-committee of the Land Use Committee, apple growers of Yakima Valley will withhold operation of an organized cal apple diversion program.

The prospective quantity of culls in the Yakima Valley has been estimated at 20,000 to 21,000 tons which is 40 per cent normal, the reduction being due chiefly to a cleans. crop of apples.

TENNESSEE-W. C. List, who for the part five years has managed the 400 acre orch whose peaches are packed under the "B Dee" Brand, was called to the colors ab a month before hervest. Lieutenant List herbeen a member of the Reserve Corps for a number of years.—A. N. PRATT, State Horticulturist, Nashville.

MICHIGAN—With proper co-operation fruit growers in the State, it has been est mated that Michigan can be rid of its will mated that Michigan can be not chokecherries within a period of 15 years. chokecherry is alternate host to the ease of peaches and the only control of disease is destruction of all chokecher that are within 500 feet of a peach orcha Now peach growers are getting information through county agricultural agents on the county trol by spraying and killing chokecharrie OCTOBER.

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sinches high. All U.S. grades have been socied as the official grades for Missouri. addition, a Missouri State grade "Domes." addition, a Missouri State grade. Domes, for usable drop apples was established, the designations as "Unclassified." Ungrad-Grower's Grade," and "Orchard Run," not permitted under Missouri law. Growmust also pay an advertising fee of one any in order to promote the sale of Missouri .

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MONTANA—All containers used in packing sples for sale, among other requirements, must be marked with grade and number of seples or net weight of contents. U. S. grades are not used. Montana grades are: Extra Fancy or First Grade, Fancy or Second Grade, C. Grade, Cull Grade, Combination Grades, and XFFC Grade (combination of Extra Fancy, Fancy, and "C" Grades). No apples smaller than 21/4 inches are permitted in any grade. Smaller apples may be shipped if marked "Small."

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Apples in closed containers must be marked, among other requirements, with minimum size. The grade may be omitted. For grading, either New Hampshire or U. S. grades may be used. New Hampshire grades are: Extra Fancy, Fancy, Combination, "A" Grade, "B" Grade, and Unclassified. In addition New Hampshire is the following grades for the sale of apples in other than closed packages: Extra Fancy, Fancy, Utility, Choice, and Gooking. No other grades may be used for these apples. NEW HAMPSHIRE-Apples in closed con-

NEW JERSEY—Growers use U. S. grades. Increare no New Jersey grades. Grading is not compulsory.

NEW YORK—Every closed container of apples must be marked, among other requirements, with the grade and Minimum Size. New York grades are practically identical with U. S. grades. According to New York law, the Commissioner of Agriculture must from promulgate official standards for grades applies and these standards must not be ng apples and these standards must not be there in their requirements than the minimum equirements of the official U.S. standards for corresponding grades of apples. New York is also specifies that open packages of apples containing more than 15 per cent by weight or measure of culls cannot be sold nless the packages be marked plainly with the word "CULLS," No apples defined as alls can be included in any closed package

NORTH DAKOTA—Grading is not compul-sery. North Dakota growers use U. S. grades

OHIO—Among other requirements, apple containers must be marked with the grade and the minimum size. U. S. grades are used with a Domestic Grade added for dropped apples. Apples must be marked "CULLS" in etters at least 21/2 inches high if they do not meet any of the established grades.

CREGON—Grading is not compulsory in Oregon. However, state grades have been established which are used generally. They are Extra Fancy or First Grade. Fancy or

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transit is considered as affecting condition and not the grade.

In order to allow for variations in grading and handling, a tolerance of 10 per cent is allowed for apples which may be below the requirements of the grade. However, the 10 per cent is allowed on the condition that not more than five per cent are seriously damaged by insects and not more than one-fifth of this amount or one per cent are decayed or have internal breakdown.

According to U. S. standards, the numerical count or the minimum size of the apples packed in a closed container must be indicated on the package. When the numerical count is marked on the container, the apples must not vary more than onefourth inch in their transverse When the (crosswise) diameter. numerical count is not shown, the minimum size must be plainly stamped, stenciled, or otherwise marked on the container in terms of whole inches, whole and half inches, whole and quarter inches, or whole and eighth inches, such as 2½ inches minimum, 2¼ inches minimum, or 25% inches minimum. It is desirable to mark both minimum and maximum sizes on the container, as 21/4 to 23/4 inches, or 21/2 to 23/4 inches.

This article has attempted to give a more or less basic understanding of grades so that growers may understand more completely U. S. Standards for apples. Full details such as color requirements for all apples or the allowances for all damages have not been given. To obtain these, growers should write to the Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Washington, D. C., and ask for Service and Regulatory Announcement 154, "United States Standards for Apples."

Proper marking of apples with the grade and size is of great help in the Housewives. marketing process. knowing what grade of apples they are purchasing, will buy with confidence where before they hesitated to buy because they did not know what they were getting. By conscientiously grading his apples, the grower in the long run will help himself by bringing in greater profits due to greater sales. U. S. grades provide a common language which growers all over the

nation should understand.

With much emphasis being placed on advertising fruits, grading becomes more and more important. This is because standardization is basic to effective programs to advertise high quality fruit. It is interesting to note that those states which have advertising fees of one penny per bushel also have effective grading laws.

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STATE BY STATE

Second Grade, "C" Grade or Third Grade, Fourth Grade, Combination Grades, Orchard Run, Hail Grade, and Open Container Pack.

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PENNSYLVANIA—Pennsylvania has no com-pulsory apple grading law. The State has adopted U. S. grades as official for use in the state but their use is voluntary.

RHODE ISLAND—Among other require-ments, each closed container of apples must be marked with the minimum size or numeri-cal count of the variety. However, it is not er. Rhode Island Grades are: Rhode Island-Extra Fancy, Rhode Island Fancy, Rhode Island-Land Combination, Rhode Island Shi and Rhode Island Unclassified.

SOUTH DAKOTA—South Dakota has no com-pulsory apple grading law. U. S. grades are used.

TENNESSEE—There is no compulsory grading law in Tennessee. Growers rely on U.S. 0

UTAH—There is no compulsory grading law in Utah. Growers mostly use U. S. grades. Utah grades are: Utah Estra Fancy, Utah Fancy, Utah "C" Grade, and Combination

VERMONT—Every container of apples which is offered for sale must have, among other things, the variety, grade and minimum size or count marked on it. With exception of Vermont Estra Fancy, the grades are the

VIRGINIA—Virginia grades are the same as U.S. grades except for the grade "Virginia Domestic." Among other requirements, every closed container offered for sale must be marked with the grade and minimum size. Apples in open packages which do not meet grade requirements of Virginia Domestic must be marked "CULLS" with letters four incheshigh. Virginia growers who pack in the standard apple box or other standard containers of apples sized to 1/4 inch or 1/2 inch may use. Washington Apple grades.

WASHINGTON—Among other requirements, growers must grade their apples and mark on the container the grade and number of apples or net contents. Washington grades are: Extra Fancy or First Grade, Fancy or Second Grade, "C" Grade, Combination Grades, Hail Grades, Culls, and Infested Culls, Growers also must pay an advertising fee of one penny per bushel in order to promote the sale of their apples.

WEST VIRGINIA—Growers must mark closed containers, among other requirements, with grade and minimum size. U. S. Grades are •

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WISCONSIN—Wisconsin has no compulsory grading law or regulations for apples. U. S. grades are used.



Photo courtesy Calif. Fruit Growers Exchange. From the seed-bed young citrus trees about 12 inches high are transplanted to a nursery where they are allowed to grow for a year or two more before they are budded.

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variety, grown commercially.

Both the Washington Navel orange and the Valencia orange are not adapted to the climatic conditions of the Rio Grande Valley and here the Hamlin orange, an early maturing seedless variety, is favorite with the growers. No known variety will outyield this one on good Valley soil. The only variety which offers serious competition to the Hamlin orange in this area is the Joppa orange whose tree has characteristics which are somewhat similar to the Navel variety though, in its fruiting habits, the tree is more like the Valencia.

In Florida the Hamlin orange ripens during the same period as the Parson Brown which is the standard early variety, both ripening between September and December. Though the Parson Brown still constitutes the major part of the early production in Florida, the Hamlin orange has been more heavily planted during recent years.

The midseason production of the orange crop in Florida is comprised of the Pineapple orange and, since the freeze of 1894-95, practically no additional plantings of mid-season varieties have been made and most of the planting stock is used for replacements. There have been scattered plantings in Florida of the Jaffa orange which is somewhat intermediate between the early and midseason varieties. The Pineapple orange is not favored for commercial production in the Rio Grande Valley, being seedy and in no way superior to the Hamlin variety which ripens in the Valley around October 15.

The Lue Gim Gong variety is running a close second to the Valencia orange in present plantings in Florida. This is a late variety, very similar to the late Valencia orange and, perhaps, has been planted almost as

widely in recent years as the Valencia.

GRAPEFRUIT •

In California the commercial grape-fruit industry is based entirely upon the Marsh Seedless variety. This is also the most extensively planted variety in Florida, the Rio Grande Valley district and in Arizona. It comprises the principal citrus crop of this last State. In the Rio Grande Valley the ripening season is later than in California, being from October 15 to December 1, and in Florida this variety matures in midseason.

In the case of grapefruit, the Pink Marshall variety, an excellent one which is relatively seedless and which has flesh that is attractive pink in color, was available for commercial planting as early as 1924. In 1933 the Ruby grapefruit, which is similar to the Pink Marshall grapefruit, was discovered and since then it has been heavily planted, especially in the Rio Grande Valley.

The Duncan grapefruit is the most common seedy variety and, though few varieties equal it in flavor, this fact is not sufficiently pronounced to offset the seedlessness of competitive varieties. In Florida the Excelsior. Silver Cluster and numerous other varieties are sold at times under the name of Duncan and for practical purposes all seedy grapefruit in Floride is designated as common with the exception of the McCarty variety which is a larger fruit than normal and which carries on the tree later in the season. There have been some plantings of the pink varieties in Florida, including the Foster pink which is a seedy variety and the Thompson pink which is not seedy.

LEMONS .

The Eureka lemon and the Lisbon
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lemon are leading varieties though the Eureka lemon in California is by far the leading commercial variety. In the Rio Grande Valley it is the standard variety. Lemons are not grown commercially in Florida.

Although the Eureka lemon is considered a spring and summer variety, climatic extremes of the intermediate districts influence to some extent the time at which the fruit is produced. The Lisbon lemon is considered a winter variety but it, likewise, is influenced by the intermediate sections where good production is maintained from January to May.

In Arizona there have been some plantings of the Eureka lemon. With constantly increasing number of airconditioned packing houses, the Lisbon may increase in popularity in California as fruit to be held over until the summer crop appears. The Hayden lemon, a type of lemon recently discovered in the vicinity of Edinburg, Texas, has possibilities of growing more popular because of its seedlessness, juicy content and high acidity.

LIMES .

Though lemons are not grown commercially in Florida, limes are. The main variety is the Persian lime, sometimes called the Tahiti lime. This is the only lime which is grown to any extent at the present time and it is of considerable interest. Acreage planted to limes in California has increased during recent years and a total of 788 acres was estimated in 1940. The Bearse variety is preferred for planting in this State and it now occupies about three-fourths of the total lime acreage. The Mexican lime appears to be the leading commercial type in the Rio Grande Valley.

OTHER TYPES .

The Dancy tangerine is the only prominent variety of interest in this branch of the citrus family. Though not grown commercially to a large extent, the Dancy tangerine is the only commercial variety that ever has been grown on a large scale in Florida. There have been small plantings of other varieties, notably the Oneco and Warnuco varieties but these represent only a small percentage of plantings.

Acreage of mandarin varieties is relatively small in California but three new varieties, the Kara, Kinnow and Wilking mandarins, are receiving considerable attention. Of these, the Kinnow promises to be quite productive in the Rio Grande Valley.

Kumquats are not grown extensively though the best known and most widely propagated of kumquats, both in the Rio Grande Valley and Florida, is the Nagami variety. Another in the Valley district is the Meiwa kumquat which contains more juice than the Nagami but which is less productive. The kumquat is not planted commercially in California.

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a speaker will be engaged whose interest lies wholly outside the field of horticulture.

Each fall the members try out for the fruit judging team. The three highest ranking individuals and an alternate, with their coach, are sent by the Ohio State Horticultural Society to other states to compete in the Eastern States Intercollegiate League. In the past the Society's teams have furnished some of the toughest competition for other schools. This year the Society donated a second award loving cup to the League. This judging activity not only affords thrills for the team and members but also serves to stimulate a desire to grow higher grade fruit.

Publicity is a by-word with the members. Last year it was necessary to elect a publicity manager and an assistant. The Society also recently began publishing a paper called the "Snoop Scoop." It is sent to all those who have graduated from the Society and the horticultural department as well as to the present members. Newspaper articles and magazine articles constitute other means of stimulating interest in the group and in getting to the public facts about an active organization in horticulture.

Parties, picnics and dances form a definite part of the program each quarter of the school year.

"Work and more of it" seems to be the Society's motto. During the winter and early spring months members are to be found, during their spare time, pruning orchards and shrubbery. The supervision of pruning work has been taken over by the Society and is under the direction of an elected member. The Society furnishes tools and places advertisements and articles about pruning work in the Columbus newspapers. Upon receiving a telephone order for a pruning job, one or more members are assigned to the job. Those assigned must meet certain require-ments. They must be members in good standing, have had training in pruning at the University, and have proven themselves competent to do pruning work in the field. To get started the younger and less experienced work with the more experienced and advanced men. After they have sufficient experience, they are permitted to work alone. A minimum wage of 50 cents per hour has been established and the students give five per cent of their wages to the Society for the purchase and maintenance of pruning tools, for paying for advertisements and other expenses. Thus, the object is two-fold; it helps the students earn money with which they can help meet their college expenses, and it aids in promoting the organization.

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NORTHERN NUT GROWERS MEET AT HERSHEY

ABOUT 75 persons from 17 states attended the Northern Nut Growers' Association 32nd Annual Meeting in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on September 4-6. Papers on various phases of nut culture, with special emphasis on walnuts, were presented. Chestnuts and hickories likewise received considerable attention.

One afternoon was devoted to the plantings of the late Dr. G. A. Zimmerman at Piketown, near Harrisburg, where a large collection of nut tree varieties has been assembled. Many of the hickories there had been grafted on native seedlings in the woods and some of the older varieties had begun to fruit. An interesting collection of persimmon and selected papaws was in bearing, illustrating the possibilities of improving these native fruits.

An inspection was made of the Japanese chestnut planting of Charles V. Stein, near Manheim. Here were several large Japanese chestnuts, some of which are 80 years old, and younger trees and nursery stock. Little, if any, damage was evident from chest-

nut blight.

At the J. F. Jones Nursery at Lancaster, operated by Miss Mildred Jones, luncheon was served. Of especial interest here were a number of large Persian walnut trees, other large walnuts and hickories. There also was a number of selected filbert hybrids which have been produced by crossing the Rush hazel with certain varieties of the European filbert. On the lawn here is an unusually fine specimen of Corylus colurna, the Turkish tree hazel. In the nursery were several small plants of the Josephine persimmon which were loaded with fruits. Most of these fruits were seedless, presumably from lack of pollination. The Josephine persimmons are interesting and worth-while plantings.

The 1942 meeting of the Association will be held in Toronto, Ontario, during the week of the Canadian National Exhibition." Since this is somewhat earlier than usual, members are requested to save nuts from this year's crop for next year's exhibits.

Officers of the Association for the ensuing year are: President, Carl Weschcke, St. Paul, Minnesota; Vice-president, Dr. L. H. MacDaniels, İthaca, New York; Treasurer, D. C. Snyder, Center Point, Iowa; Secretary, George L. Slate, Geneva, New York.—GEORGE L. SLATE, Sec'y., Northern Nut Growers' Assn., Geneva, N.Y.

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President and Lee H. Hitchner, Secretary-Treasurer.

was re-elected

In an effort to assist growers in insect and disease control, W. P. Flint, Chief En-

tomologist at the Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station, was asked to present a plan of operation. Professor Flint urged closer co-operation with entomologists, plant pathologists and growers and he suggested regional meetings similar to those held in the Northwest where mutual problems of manufacturers and growers are discussed.

To bring the work of the Association in insecticide and fungicide control before the growers, \$1,000 appropriated for space and display at winter meetings of horticultural

societies.

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In an article by Dr. Russell M. Wilder, Professor of Medicine, The Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota, and Chairman of the Committee on Food Nutrition, National Research Council, Washington, D. C., he states:

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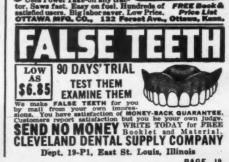
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MODIFYING BIENNIAL BEARING HABIT

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the possibility of completely removing the crop by such repeat sprays, a practice which, under some conditions, might be desirable from the standpoint of codling moth control. The repeat sprays on these very large trees did not completely prevent fruit set, apparently because of the difficulty of hitting all the blossoms in such large trees, even with two appli-

On these trees the DNO at dormant and half-dormant strength appeared somewhat more effective than the tar oil distillate in preventing fruit set. The half dormant strength was fully as effective as full dormant and, apparently, was strong enough to prevent the setting of any blossoms that were well hit.

It is interesting to note that eight of the 10 sprayed trees apparently had ample fruit buds for a crop in 1941. Aside from the trees given a double application, these trees averaged about 10 bushels of fruit per tree in 1940, or about one fourth of the maximum crop they produced in the "on" year of 1938.

Additional tests of these same materials on younger York Imperial, Stayman Winesap and Gano trees about 18 years of age, and which consequently could be thoroughly hit with the spray materials, were made. In these tests on York Imperial .8 per cent TOD and one half dormant strength DNO decreased the set to about one third that of the check trees. The 1.6 per cent TOD and full dormant strength DNO reduced the set still more drastically while the tar oil distillate repeat spray resulted in almost complete removal of the crop. However, a few scattered apples remained on the trees.

With Stayman Winesap even .4 per cent TOD reduced the set to only about one third of that on the checks. TOD ,8 per cent was not appreciably more effective than .4 per cent. The .8 per cent repeat, however, removed practically all of the fruit. With Gano, on which many of the fruit buds are on relatively long shoots, the proportion of reduction was

Younger trees of all three of these varieties were not fully biennial but had a heavy bloom in 1940. The results are indicative of the amount of reduction in set that might be expected from these lower concentrations of materials when applied to trees that can be covered thoroughly with sprays directed more or less horizontally into the tops rather than upward from below.

The results of the 1940 spraying substantiated those obtained earlier in indicating that tar oil distillate at .8 per cent concentration, thoroughly

applied, is sufficiently strong to prevent the set of a large proportion of the fruit buds of all the varieties investigated. DNO at one half dormant strength appeared on the whole to be slightly more effective than TOD at .8 per cent in preventing fruit set. On the basis of two years' results, it would seem unnecessary to use materials stronger than these if the objective is to reduce fruit set rather than to completely eliminate a

Examination of the fruit-bud formation for 1941 on the old York Imperial trees indicated that, where not more than one fruit was set for 10 blossom clusters, ample fruit-bud formation for a crop for 1941 had been secured. This amount of reduction occurred in practically all cases where these materials were used. Objective in the spraying was to hit all buds. Fruit which set following the spray treatment was apparently from buds not sufficiently developed at the time of spraying to be thoroughly hit, or which were protected by branches or by their position on the tree, so that the spray material did not hit the actual buds. Even with a thorough job of spraying, it has not been possible under Potomac Valley conditions to remove completely the crop with one spray application.

Results of the commercial use of TOD sprays in the Wenatchee, Washington area last year were extremely satisfactory from the standpoint of practically complete removal of the crop which was the objective of the spraying. A single application of 2.0 per cent TOD was used and almost no apples set on the trees.

During the past eight years in the United States, the even-numbered years have been relatively short apple crop years with much better prices prevailing than during the odd-numbered years. Many orchards, however, have been producing their main crop during the odd-numbered years with disastrous financial results to the grower. Treatments outlined indicate a method by which the "on" year for parts of such biennial orchards can be changed and by which orchard production as a whole can be made more uniform from year to year without the complete loss of a crop. It would appear to merit the serious consideration of any grower who has certain varieties in a strongly biennial condition. The grower might accomplish more uniform production through thoroughly spraying approximately half of each tree of biennial varieties, or by spraying all of the trees in a part of biennial blocks.

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These machines have three, four, or six cylinders and, as they operate at speeds up to 900 r.p.m., they give large capacities in minimum space. Though equipped for handling Freon-12, as a

standard, they are amply sturdy for pumping ammonia at much higher pressures when they are equipped with waterjacketed cylinders.

Multi-cylinder machines of this same type are very popular for portable refrigera-tion service. These portable units are used pre-cooling fruit when placed in cars as well as for cold storage at temporary location short-carry is practiced. Similar ma-chines, handling am-monia instead of Freon-12, also are used in low

temperature quick-freezing units.

Eclipse machines are manfactured by Frick Company.

SPEED-MO .

Growers and packers find the Special Fruit Growers' Logotype "Speed-Mo" rub-



ber stamp a satisfactory medium for marking boxes, baskets, barrels, etc. in a single operation. The stamp is complete in one unit, having interchangeable logotypes for the size, the grade and the brand. This makes a marking operation that is 200 complete. makes a marking operation that is 200 per cent speedier than the usual operation. The stamp can be purchased with your name and address and extra logotypes for your size, grade and brand. It is manufactured size, grade and brand. It is manufactory Rivet-O Manufacturing Company.

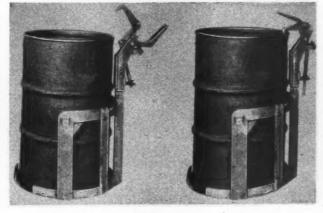
NEW DUMPING HARNESS •

A new quick-locking harness, devised to speed up and make more efficient the han-

dling and dumping of barrels and drums, can be of great help to the fruit grower who has considerable operations of this kind to make. No adjusting or affixing of the harness to the drum, or barrel, is necessary, as a standard type barrel hoop truck makes it possible to deposit the drum directly into the harness. the drum does not have to placed on the floor first and one complete op-eration is eliminated. The

harness is equipped with a spring toggle, is arc-welded throughout, and can be made for any size drum. For fruit growers who handle large quantities of insecticides, this is a helpful innovation. Lewis-Shepard Cor-

poration are the manufacturers.



BOOKLETS •

Stark Brothers' Nurseries and Orchards Company has two interesting booklets on profitable orcharding. One is written with particular interest for the person who is growing fruit commercially; the other, for the person who is growing fruit for his home consumption.

Meaning of the word rubber has changed since the advent of synthetic materials similar to the natural product. A short comprehensive story of the entire field of natural and synthetic rubbers by its di-rector of research, J. W. Schade, has been printed by The B. F. Goodrich Company.

For copies of these booklets, write to AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER, 1370 Onterio St., Cleveland, Ohio.

CALENDAR OF COMING MEETINGS and EXHIBITS

Nov. 12-13-Minnesota Fruit Growers Association and Minnesota State Horticul-tural Society meeting, Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis. Exhibits at Northwestern National Bank.—J. D. Winter, Sec'y, Fruit Growers Assn., Mound.

Nov. 13-14—Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society, West Bend.—H. J. Rahmlow, Sec'y, Madison. Nov. 13-14—Iowa State Horticultural So-

ciety, Iowa Fruit Growers Association, and Iowa Nut Growers Association, Ames.—R. S. Herrick, Sec'y, State House, Des Moines.

Nov. 18-19—Tennessee State Horticultural

Society Convention, Jackson.—G. M. Bentley, Sec'y, Knoxville.

Dec. 1-3—Washington State Horticultural

Society 37th annual meeting, Wenatchee.

—John C. Snyder, Extension Horticul-

Dec. 2-4—New Jersey State Horticultural Society annual meeting, Haddon Hall, Atlantic City.—Arthur J. Farley, Sec'y, New Brunswick.

New Brunswick.

Dec. 2-4—Joint meeting of the Michigan
State Horticultural Society and the
American Pomological Society in connection with the Michigan Apple Show,
Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids.—H. D.
Hootman, Sec'y, Lansing.

Dec. 4-5—Kansas State Horticultural Society annual meeting Lawrence—Geo-

ciety annual meeting, Lawrence.—Geo. W. Kinkead, Sec'y, Topeka.

Dec. 5-6—Montana Horticultural Society annual meeting, Hamilton.—Geo. L.

annual meeting, Hamilton.—Geo. L. Knight, Sec'y, Missoula.

dec. 9-11—Virginia State Horticultural Society 46th annual meeting, Roanoke.—W. S. Campfield, Sec'y, Staumton.

dec. 10-12—Peninsula Horticultural Society, annual meeting, Cambridge, Maryland.—T. F. Manns, Sec'y, Newark, Del.

dec. 11-12—Oregon State Horticultural Society, annual meeting, Fugene.—O. T.

Society annual meeting, Eugene.—O. T. McWhorter, Sec'y, Corvallis.

Dec. 11-12—Connecticut Pomological Society annual meeting, Hartford.—H. A. Rollins, Extension Fruit Specialist, Storrs

Storrs.

Dec. 17-19—Illinois State Horticultural Society annual meeting, Urbana.—Joe B. Hale, Sec'y, Kell.

Dec. 29-31—American Society of Horticultural Science, Dallas, Texas.—H. B. Tukey, Sec'y, Geneva, New York.

Jan. 7-9—Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association annual meeting, Worcester.—William R. Cole, Sec'y, Amherst.

Jan. 13-15—Indiana State Horticultural Society annual meeting. Purdue University,

ciety annual meeting, Purdue University, Lafayette.—Monroe McCown, Acting

Lafayette.—Monroe McCown, Acting Sec'y, Lafayette.
Jan. 13-16—New York State Horticultural Society annual meeting, Rochester.—Roy P. McPherson, Sec'y, Le Roy.
Jan. 13—Vermont State Horticultural Society annual meeting, Memorial Auditorium, Burlington.—Charles H. Blasberg, Sec'y, Burlington.
Jan. 20-22—Maine Pomological Society annual meeting, Lewiston.—E. L. White, Bowdoinham.

Bowdoinham.

Jan. 20-22-Pennsylvania State Horticul-

Jan. 20-22—Pennsylvania State Horticultural Association annual meeting, Harrisburg, in connection with the Pennsylvania Farm Show.—John U. Ruef, Sec'y, State College.

Jan. 26-28—Annual winter meeting of the Ohio State Horticultural Society in connection with the Annual Farmers' Week of Ohio State University, Columbus.—Frank H. Beach, Sec'y, Columbus.

Jan. 28-30—New York State Horticultural Society Eastern meeting, Kingston.—Roy

Society Eastern meeting, Kingston.—Roy P. McPherson, Sec'y, Le Roy.
Feb. 11-12—West Virginia Horticultural Society 49th Annual Convention, Martinsburg.—C. Miller, Sec'y, Martinsburg.

FIRST STEPS IN FRUIT GROWING

HOW TO SET PICKING LADDERS

WHEN TO PICK **APPLES**

HARVEST season is a time of satisfaction to all fruit growers. However, one problem arises at this time of year which seriously bothers the inexperienced grower. The question of when to pick apples is a perplexing one. Most growers who are harvesting their first crops pick too early so that apples are immature, taste badly and may develop scald and bitter pit in storage. On the other hand, if apples are picked too late, they deteriorate rapidly, are not of the best quality, and may develop soft scald in storage. Firmness of the flesh of the apple, amount of yellowing or change in ground color in the unblushed parts, and the ease with which the fruit separates from the spurs, are three of the best in-dications of when to harvest. The best of these is the change of ground color from a green color to a greenish-yellow color.

Different varieties show different shades
of ground color when ripe. When getting
ready to pick, remember that, when there is a light crop, apples tend to mature a few days earlier than usual and when, there is a heavy crop, they may mature a few days

later than expected.

U. S. D. A. Bulletin No. 1406, "The Ripening, Storage, and Handling of Apples", contains a color chart which shows different shades of ground color. It can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents at Washington, D. C., for 20 cents.

Rabbit Protection

NOW is the time to think about protecting young fruit trees from injury caused by winter-starved rabbits. Michigan State College has developed a repellent which will keep rabbits from gnawing the bark. It is made of seven pounds of rosin to a gallon of alcohol. The rosin is pulverized and the mixture is permitted to stand 24 hours in a warm room. No heat should be applied. One gallon of repellent is enough for 150 to 200 two-year old trees and one applica-

tion will give protection for a winter.

Surveys indicate that rabbits reach as high as two feet above the height of drifted snow so protection of the bark should be extended to a point two feet higher than the snow is likely to drift. The mixture should be applied when the tree is dry.

Required Reading

NEW bulletins every fruit grower should have are: "Peach Culture in Michigan," by Stanley Johnston, Michigan State College, East Lansing; "Controlled-Atmosphere Storage of Apples," by R. M. Smock and A. Van Doren, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.; "Pruning Hardy Fruit Plants," Farmers' Bulletin 1870, U.S.D.A.; "Spraying to Control Preharvest Drop of Apples," by L. Southwick and J. K. Shaw, Massachusetts State College, Amherst; and "Miscellaneous Tropical and Sub-Tropical Florida Fruits," by H. Mowry, and L. R. Toy, University of Florida, Gainesville.



This ladder is liable to fall because it is not securely held in the tree and may slide off the supporting branches.



RIGHT

This ladder is placed in the right way against the tree with full weight resting on ground instead of on a branch.



The picker on this ladder may have a serious fall if he doesn't regain his He set his ladder atilt.



This ladder is set correctly with both legs on the ground. The person in the picture at left didn't bother to do this.



Close-up view of how not to place long picking ladder. Note one leg off ground. It will topple over easily. AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER



This is the way the picking ladder should be placed: both legs touching the ground, weight distributed evenly.



A corner in the new du Pont Laboratories for the study of insecticides and fungicides.

DU PONT COMPLETES NEW PEST CONTROL LABORATORY

HE du Pont talent in chemical research which has produced so many notable achievements, including nylon, lucite and cel-o-glass, is now to be directed to pest control research in a recently completed three-story building. The new laboratories therein are equipped with the most modern scientific instruments for the study of insecticides and fungicides, including a new carbon arc lamp which approaches natural sunlight. The laboratories will co-ordinate experiments and practical field work.

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Under "pests" are grouped destructive insects, fungi, bacteria, weeds, protozoa, rodents, worms; destructive marine forms such as teredos, barnacles, squids and algae, and other harmful forms of animal and vegetable life.

Special chambers and incubators for rearing various insects and for growing "fungi" under precise scientific controls are available. Automatic temperature and humidity control are provided for rearing codling moth larvae; while the destructive habit of the Japanese beetle of gorging itself on foliage during bright hot days when the humidity is high, is to be studied under artificially produced weather conditions.

The new du Pont pest control laboratory is in charge of Dr. Wendell H. Tisdale. All laboratory conclusions, says Dr. Tisdale, are confirmed by field tests which are an important essential in our program.

BOOST SALES DURING NATIONAL APPLE WEEK

NATIONAL Apple Week this year will begin the night of October 24 and end Halloween night, October 31. New York and New England Apple Institute, Appalachian Apple Service, Michigan State Apple Commission, and Washington State Apple Commission are making plans for special sales drives during the week.

The week, which was founded by James Handly of Quincy, Illinois in 1905, is sponsored by the International Apple Association.

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